

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A weather strip comprising:

a trimming portion having a substantially U-shaped cross section and attachable to a surrounding part of a door opening of a vehicle, said trimming portion having an outer side wall portion, an inner side wall portion, and a connecting portion for connecting said outer and inner side wall portions to each other; and

a hollow seal portion connected to said trimming portion at a first connection portion, which is placed substantially at a boundary portion between said connecting portion and said outer side wall portion, and at a second connection portion, which is placed closer to a leading end of said outer side wall portion than said first connection portion, and adapted to be more flexible than said trimming portion;

a projecting portion provided in said second connection portion in such a way as to extend from said outer side wall portion of said trimming portion,

wherein a first thickness of said projecting portion along a direction, in which said outer side wall portion extends, is larger than a second thickness of a part of said seal portion, which is pressure-contacted to a peripheral portion of the door,

wherein a third thickness of a leading end part of said projecting portion is at least twice the second thickness, and

wherein a projection length from a base end part of said projecting portion to a leading end part thereof is larger than the second thickness.

2. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein a fourth thickness of a base end part of said projecting portion is at least equal to or more than twice the second thickness of said part of said seal portion.

3. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein a fourth thickness of base end part of said projecting portion is equal to or more than one-fourth of a length from a leading end part of said outer side wall portion to a boundary portion between said connecting portion and said base end part.

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6. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the projection length is ~~equal to or more than~~ at least twice a the second thickness of said part of said seal portion.

7. (Currently amended) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein a sectional area of said projecting portion is equal to or more than four times an area obtained by square of the second thickness of said part of said seal portion.

8. (Original) A weather strip according to claim 1, wherein the entirety of said seal portion is formed in such a way as to be placed closer to a side of said first connection portion than at least said second connection portion in the direction, in which said outer side wall portion extends.

9. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 1, further comprising a sponge layer extending from said seal portion and provided on an outer surface of said projecting portion, which is opposite to a side facing a hollow part of said seal portion.

10. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 1, further comprising: a film layer provided on outer surface of each of said seal portion and said projecting portion; and a sponge layer extending from said seal portion and provided between an outer surface of said projecting portion and said film layer.

11. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 10, wherein a thickness of said film layer is equal to or less than 0.4mm.

12. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 9, wherein a thickness of said sponge layer is equal to or more than 0.4mm.

13. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 9, wherein said sponge layer reaches said outer side wall portion.

14. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 9, wherein at said second connection portion, an outer surface of said projecting portion is connected to a leading end part of said outer side wall portion, and wherein said sponge layer reaches said leading end part of said outer side wall portion.

15. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 9, wherein a thickness of said sponge layer is substantially uniform over the entirety thereof.

16. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 9, wherein a thickness of said end portion of said part of said projecting portion is equal to or more than half of a thickness of said seal portion at a boundary portion between said end portion and said seal portion.

17. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 10, wherein a thickness of said sponge layer is equal to or more than 0.4mm.

18. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 10, wherein said sponge layer reaches said outer side wall portion.

19. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 10, wherein at said second connection portion, an outer surface of said projecting portion is connected to a leading end part of said outer side wall portion, and wherein said sponge layer reaches said leading end part of said outer side wall portion.

20. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 10, wherein a thickness of said sponge layer is substantially uniform over the entirety thereof.

21. (Withdrawn) A weather strip according to claim 10, wherein a thickness of said end portion of said part of said projecting portion is equal to or more than half of a thickness of said seal portion at a boundary portion between said end portion and said seal portion.